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Bahamas



Stallings, MC
Bangladesh



Wallace, MSU
Israel



Burleson, NE



Fleming, MC
Zambia



Baggett, MC
Indonesia



Freeman, MC
California



Gilbert, MSU



Wigle, MSU
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Sinquefield, MC



Hurt, BMC
Hawaii



Bowman, MC



Gore, MC
Massachusetts



Reynolds, MSU



Austin, MSU
Wisconsin



Lyon, JCJC



Shearer, BMC
Alaska



Newsome, MC
Kentucky



Valentine, MC
Louisiana



Gray, MSCW
Maine



Dickerson, MSU
Nevada



Vaughn, MSCW
New Mexico



Birchwell, WCC
New York



Booth, WCC
Northwest



Johnsey, NE
Tennessee



Street, USM
Virginia

Twenty-eight students from nine colleges are being sent by the Baptist Student Unions of Mississippi to serve as summer missionaries in six foreign countries and sixteen states in the United States, including Alaska and Hawaii.

The place of service, name, school, and hometown of each summer missionary follows: With the Foreign Mission Board — Bahamas, Sara Guest, Delta State College, Drew; Bangladesh, Buddy Stallings, Mississippi College, Houston; Indonesia, Robert Baggett, Mississippi College, Tupelo; Israel, Patricia Burleson, Northeast Junior College, Corinth; and Kari Wallace, Mississippi State University, Jackson; Zambia, Ellen Fleming, Mississippi College, Franklin, Kentucky; with the Home Mission Board—Alaska, Robert Shearer, Mississippi College, Coldwater; California, Vickie Sue Freeman, Mississippi College, Richland, and Patricia Gilbert, Mississippi State University, Jackson; Canada, Linda Sinquefield, Mississippi College, Jackson, and Charles (Duffy) Wigle, Mississippi State University, Vicksburg; Georgia, Cheryl O'wen, Blue Mountain College, Southaven; (Continued on page 6)

Duke McCall Plans Motion At SBC To Transfer Stewardship

LOUISVILLE (BP)—The president of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary here, Duke K. McCall, has notified Southern Baptist Convention leaders that he plans to introduce a motion at the denomination's convention in Portland, Ore., which would ultimately dissolve the Stewardship Commission as an agency of the convention.

The motion, almost identical to one which was defeated at the 1973 convention in Philadelphia, would transfer the programs now assigned to the Stewardship Commission to the SBC Executive Committee, effective Oct. 1, 1974.

If McCall's motion is presented, and approved by both the convention in Portland in 1973 and Dallas in 1974, it would mean in effect that the Stewardship Commission would be dissolved as a convention agency, and its programs would be transferred to

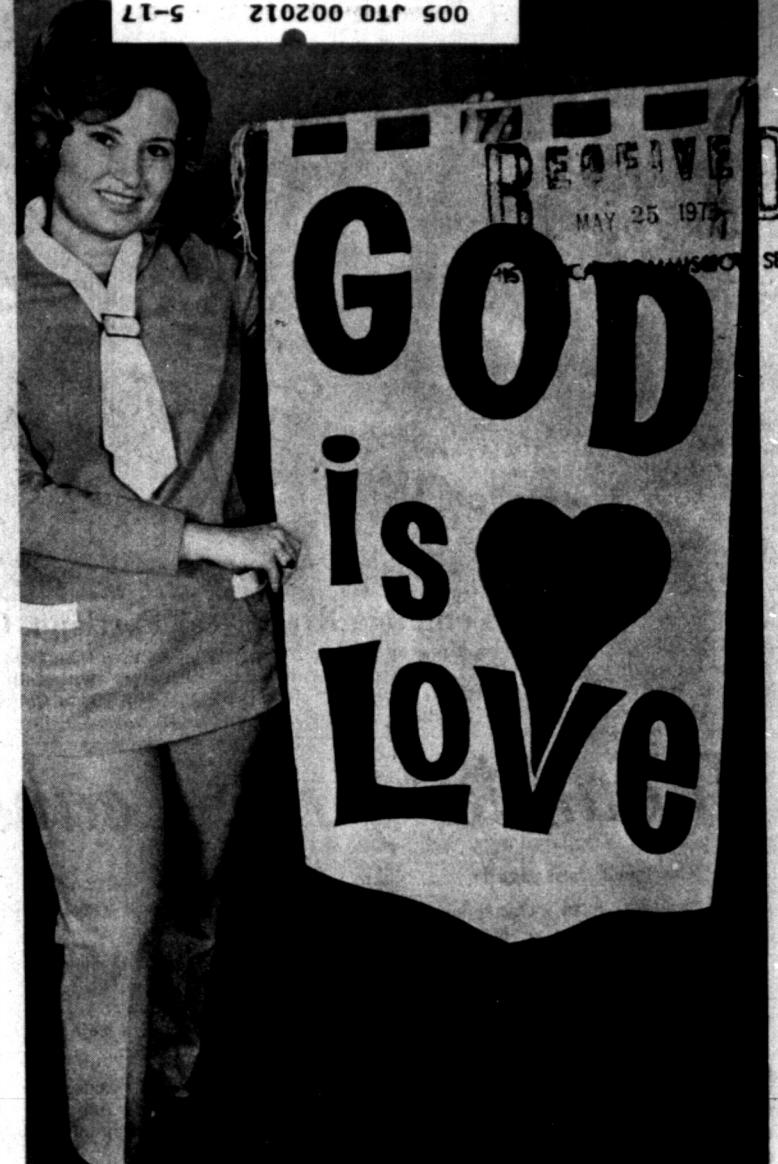
the SBC Executive Committee.

McCall, who was executive secretary of the SBC Executive Committee before becoming president of Southern Seminary here in 1951, decided his plans to make the motion in a letter to Baptist Press, to the president and secretary of the SBC, and to the executive secretaries of the Stewardship Commission and Executive Committee.

Writing in the October, 1972, issue of *The Tie*, the seminary's alumni publication, McCall argued that the defeat of the recommendation from the Committee of Fifteen, a subcommittee of the SBC Executive Committee assigned to study the structure of the SBC, was a "blunder" and gave notice of his intention to see that the issue "gets a full airing" when the SBC meets in Portland, June 12-14.

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Make A Banner — Cross A Barrier

The 1973 theme for August Home Missions Conferences at Glorieta and Ridgecrest is "The Word — Crossing Barriers." The worship services each evening will highlight a barrier to be crossed for Christ. Churches are invited to make banners for use in dramatizing the services. Those interested in participating in this project are asked to get in touch with their associational superintendent of missions and volunteer their assistance.

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Brazilian Pastor, Moyers, Chafin, And Fletcher Slated To Address WMU Meet

PORLTAND (BP) — A nationally-known commentator on the American scene and former White House press secretary, a flaming Brazilian evangelist-pastor, a missions executive and the anchor man of the new Baptist televangelism series will deliver major addresses at the Southern Baptist Women's Missionary Union annual meeting here June 10-11.

The WMU convention will meet here Sunday evening, June 10 through Monday evening, June 11, preceding the Southern Baptist Convention June 12-14.

Major speakers for the women's meeting will be Bill Moyers, public affairs commentator for the Public Broadcasting System (PBS); Nilson do Amaral Fanini, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Niteroi, Brazil; Jesse Fletcher, director of the Missions Support Division for the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board; and Kenneth L. Chafin, pastor of South Main Baptist Church, Houston, and host for the television series, Spring Street USA.

The anniversary celebration, slated in the adjoining exhibit hall, will feature entertainment by the Spring Street Singers.

This is a musical group starring in the television series, Spring Street USA.

Hosts for this celebration will be the Woman's Missionary Union, Auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention, and the Home Mission Board of the Convention, located in Atlanta, with Miss June Whitlow, Director of the Division of Education of Woman's Missionary Union, serving as coordinator for this program to be held in Portland.

Theme for the session will be "All Things Are Made New," according to Mrs. E. L. Martin, president of WMU.

Moyers, former press secretary to President Lyndon B. Johnson and later publisher of Newsday in Garden City, N. Y., will address the convention on Monday evening, June 11, on the topic, "Listening to America

1973," a sequel to his best-selling book, *Listening to America*.

Chafin, former director of the Division of Evangelism for the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board who currently is host on the television series sponsored by the mission agency, will be the keynote speaker for the opening session on Sunday night. Chafin's topic will be, "Making Things New Again."

The flaming Brazilian evangelist-pastor, Nilson Fanini, will be the lead speaker Monday morning. Fanini, pastor of the church in Niteroi across the bay from Rio de Janeiro,

will tell southern Baptists how their foreign missions efforts have taken root and are flourishing in Brazil.

In the major Monday afternoon address, Fletcher of the Foreign Mission Board will sketch the trends and challenges confronting foreign missions in an address on the topic, "As New As Tomorrow."

Immediately following the Sunday night service slated at the Memorial Coliseum, a reception will honor the Northwest Baptist Convention on its 25th anniversary. Portland area Southern Baptist churches will join the convention for their evening services.

Vocalist, Football Star Added To SBC Program

PORLTAND (BP)—Vocalist Cynthia Clawson of Little Rock and Miami Dolphins veteran Norm Evans have been added to the final night program of the Southern Baptist Convention slated here June 12-14.

Miss Clawson and Evans will join Oregon Senator Mark O. Hatfield in the second portion of the Friday night emphasis called a "Share-the-Word Celebration," according to Russell H. Dilday Jr., chairman of the convention's committee on order of business.

Miss Clawson, now married to Ragan Courtney of the staff of Second Baptist Church in Little Rock, has been featured on many nationwide television programs, including Spring Street USA, the televangelism program of the SBC Home Mission Board, and the CBS Newcomers. She is the daughter of Thomas W. Clawson, pastor of Hot Wells Baptist Church, San Antonio.

Evans has been called the spiritual leader of the world champion Miami Dolphins football team. He is a deacon at the Sheridan Hills Baptist Church, Hollywood, Fla., and is active in many related ministry activities, including the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

First In A Series

'Wounded Knee' Leaves Impact On Missions

By Everett Hullum
and Sandy Simmons

WOUNDED KNEE, S. D. (BP) — The incident at Wounded Knee, where American Indian Movement (AIM) militants occupied the tiny village here for almost three months, is over, but its impact will not be forgotten soon.

The shock waves created by the incident, which left two Indians dead and forced the evacuation of many Indian villagers, have reverberated throughout other Indian reservations, shaking up the entire national scene.

The effect of Wounded Knee of Southern Baptist ministries on Indian reservations across the nation is described in depth treatment in the June issue of *Home Missions* magazine. Magazine staffers interviewed nearly 50 Southern Baptist missionaries who work with Indians in compiling the treatment.

During the grim days of the Indian siege in South Dakota, Indians in Santa Fe, N. M., picketed the Southern Baptist-sponsored Indian Hall, presenting missionary Ken Prickett with a petition requesting a name change for the center.

In February, the committee held a similar "open hearing" immediately following the SBC Executive Committee meeting, but no one showed up

became an opportunity for Southern Baptists to begin dialogue with mem-

bers of the militant AIM group. Indian Hall has significance to Bap-

tists because it represents the first direct attack on SBC Indian-language missions and the second time in a month that SBC missionary work has been confronted or curtailed by Indians.

The first instance was Wounded Knee itself, where missionary Harold Heiney serves. Both Heiney and Prickett are white.

Although Wounded Knee and Indian Hall are worlds apart in consequences and import, both symbolize the growing Indian disengagement with "non-Indian" methods, techniques and ways, and reflect a swelling dissatisfaction with a status quo which condemns Indians to a life of second-class citizenship and third-class destiny.

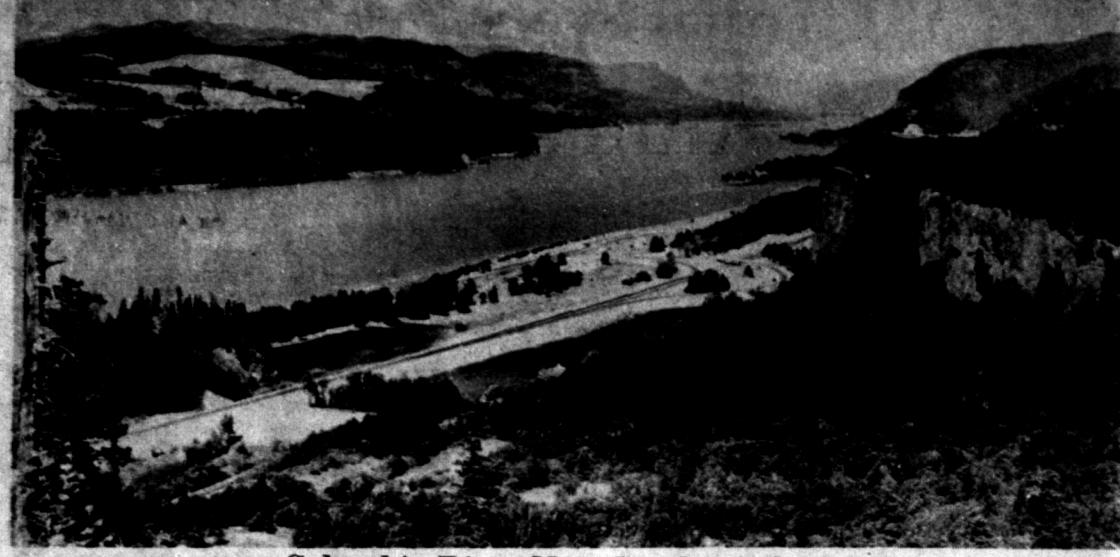
Both signal the end of stoic patient acceptance of maltreatment and neglect.

"Our people are tired of being considered second-rate," says Allen Elston, Southern Baptists' 13-year missionary to Warm Springs Reservation, Ore. "They are people of great dignity and worth, and they want to be treated that way."

Adds missionary Tony Brewington, a native Lumbee Indian who works with his own and three other tribes in (Continued on page 2)



Miss Jackie Maxey, member of North Calvary Church in Neshoba County, and David Blackwell, member of Petal-Harvey Church, Petal, will represent Mississippi at the two Southern Baptist Youth Bible Drills to be held this summer. They won first place in the Selection Tournament held May 19 in Jackson under sponsorship of the Church Training Department. Miss Maxey will go to Glorieta, N. M., with David to go to Ridgecrest, N. C.



Columbia River Near Portland, Oregon

The Columbia River has carved one of the world's most beautiful gorges through Oregon's Cascade Mountains. Crown Point is 750 feet above the river and 24 miles east of Portland where the Southern Baptist Conven-

tion will be held June 12-14, 1973. Highway 30 passes eleven waterfalls and eight state parks in the area. (BP) Photo Courtesy Portland Chamber of Commerce.

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North Carolina: "Our folks sympathize with the AIM ideals, but they do not advocate its methods."

Other SBC missionaries across the United States expressed basically the same opinions.

The majority of Indians today, report the missionaries, do not support the violent confrontations and militant tactics of groups like AIM — but they do favor AIM's objective of increased self-determination and greater control by Indians of their own destinies — from education to religion.

"Mostly the attitude of our people," says Dolton Haggan, missionary on Mississippi's Choctaw reservation, "is they favor the goals of AIM — well, I wouldn't say all of them, but most of them. They're very conscious of their Indian background and there is a strong element of self-determination in what they do. They are very much in favor of greater recognition of their heritage and their right to control their own lives. But they want to get what they get through their own work."

Throughout the nation, SBC missionaries also report their work is mostly unaffected by Wounded Knee — or the movement it symbolizes — at least for now.

But in more than one place missionaries sense a tenseness. "Gallup, (N.M.) is ripe for something like Wounded Knee," says Jack Comer, missionary to the Navajo. "It'll probably be next on the list."

James Nelson, New Mexico director of missions and a long-time observer of Indian work, notes the tension but doesn't blame it all on Wounded Knee.

"It's a spontaneous thing," he says, "a feeling that has been boiling underneath and is now beginning to boil over in many places."

"I've been surprised we've had no trouble," says Allison Holman, missionary to Arizona's Papago Indians. "If anything, conditions here are worse than at Wounded Knee."

Indian living and working conditions across the nation are substandard, the missionaries agree. They are, in fact, much below those of U.S. citizens as a whole.

Indian poverty rates are high, alcoholism is a universal problem of epidemic proportions, and unemployment (15 to 70 per cent) soars above the national averages.

Bruce Conrad, who for 20 years has been involved in Indian student work, first in Oklahoma and now at Intermountain Indian School in Brigham City, Utah, believes Indians — especially youth — are in a transitional period.

In recent months he has noted a withdrawal trend among students; they are attempting to return to "old ways," which has included rejecting the Christian (Anglo) church.

"I talked to some AIM students," Conrad says, "and they felt like the churches have taken advantage of the Indians in the past."

From the beginning it was apparent that the siege at Wounded Knee was not to be taken lightly. Indian leaders of the American Indian Movement in early March took charge of the trading post, held hostages in the Catholic church, and demanded the removal of Tribal Council President Dick Wilson, who was charged with corruption.

Christian missions with the Ogala Sioux, who live on the Pine Ridge Reservation where Wounded Knee is located, were caught in the crossfire between AIM leaders and Indians who followed Wilson.

The future of churches on the reservation is still questionable.

Wounded Knee, a sparsely settled community with a museum and trading post, is the site of an 1890 massacre in which more than 300 Indian men, women and children were killed by the U.S. Cavalry. Because it was the final, bloody battle of America's Indian wars, AIM chose Wounded Knee as a symbolic site of their confrontation with federal authorities.

But while AIM goals threatened the future of reservation churches, doubt should be tempered with the understanding the AIM is largely concerned with removal of long-established and heavily institutionalized Catholic and Episcopalian churches, says SBC missionary A. L. Davis of nearby Rapid City, S.D.

Davis began the first Baptist work on the reservation in 1966. When Baptists started, 50 per cent of the 11,000 people were Catholic and 40 per cent Episcopalian.

Since then, other churches have begun. They include Wesleyan Methodist, Mormon, Pentecostal and two Indian originated churches, the Body of Christ Church and the Native American Church.

All Christian groups who work with Indians have, however, felt the birthpangs of Indian pride and the swirling uncertainty of reservation politics.

"Modern day Christian Indian work attempts to keep a low white profile and to blanket the white European

identity of Christianity," says Frank Sharp, a spokesman for American Baptists.

Baptists, of all denominations, are beginning "to allow Indians to run their own churches and white administrators for Indian work are now being replaced by Indian ones," Sharp says.

Southern Baptists' Davis says the hope for smaller churches remaining on the reservation probably rests on friendships developed with Indian people.

During one three-week period, only one service was held at Sharp's Corner, S.D., because Wounded Knee roadblocks made a round-about trip of 80 miles necessary, and sundown curfews kept drivers off roads after dark.

Plans for summer mission work have been changed, too, Heiney adds. One church committed to bringing summer workers for three Vacation Bible Schools has cancelled out. A second, Glenwood Baptist of Knoxville, Tenn., still hopes to hold the Vacation Bible Schools some time in summer.

In Okmulgee, Okla., Frank Belvin reports unease and split loyalty among his people.

"Some real Christian people (Indians) are so undecided they just don't know what to do," says Belvin. "Some people have thought maybe this is the way to get some needed things done. But I think I would be safe in saying that the majority of Indians around here say that Wounded Knee isn't the way to solve problems."

Belvin feels part of the answer is employment.

"I think the only thing that will ever bring men to reconcile with one another is a regenerated heart," he says, "but when a person can have a good living and feel responsible, this will do a lot toward alleviating problems."

"When people go hungry, when people go ragged, when people have no home in which to live," continues Belvin, "it makes things very difficult. There is no sure cure for all this, but I do know that full employment would settle a lot of unrest."

Meanwhile, Southern Baptists have discovered part of their role may be to reconcile the rift between Indian and Indian, says Heiney, who remained at the Pine Ridge Reservation throughout the Wounded Knee incident.

Bringing off that reconciliation begins with the Indians themselves, he says, an easy task.

The crux of the problem may have

McCall Plans Motion At SBC

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McCall charged that the matter was not well handled at the convention in Philadelphia, and that the messengers were told that if they defeated a motion to refer the recommendation back for further study, information would be forthcoming in a debate defeated, the convention quickly went on to defeat the original recommendation, without any additional debate or information.

"This leftover matter must be reviewed in the convention in Portland in 1973," McCall wrote in *The Tie*. "The Lord willing, I intend to see that the issues get a full airing without the restraint and suspicion that it is a power grab by the Executive Committee."

McCall, in telephone interview, admitted he is likely to draw criticism by bringing up the matter personally, since there is a tradition that one SBC agency head never speaks on the floor of the convention against another SBC agency.

He was quick to point out that he was "motivated neither by opposition to the Stewardship Commission nor

support of the Executive Committee . . . I have no ax to grind."

Asked why he planned to make the motion, McCall responded: "Frankly, I think the Cooperative Program will grow at a faster pace, and thereby theological education will be better undergirded" with promotion of the Cooperative Program placed under the SBC Executive Committee than under the Stewardship Commission.

The very character of the SBC makes the SBC Executive Committee the stockpile of our cooperative efforts, including cooperation between the SBC and state conventions," McCall said. Thus, he argued, the executive secretaries of the state conventions and the executive secretary of the SBC Executive Committee are the key persons in promoting the Cooperative Program.

McCall said he did not feel the state executive secretaries were as enthusiastic in their promotion of the Cooperative Program as they should be, primarily because they feel they are left out of the planning process.

McCall said he had written to each of the state executive secretaries of the state conventions, and that all but two of those who responded had favored his proposal to transfer the stewardship functions from the Stewardship Commission to the SBC Executive Committee.

McCall's proposal in *The Tie*, however, drew strong criticism from an editorial in *The Capital Baptist* by editor James O. Duncan, who also serves as the state stewardship secretary of the District of Columbia Baptist Convention.

Duncan questioned why McCall had not polled the state stewardship secretaries to get their views as well as the state executive secretaries. "Since when do we turn such decisions over to about 20 people?" he asked.

"The Stewardship Commission is doing a fine job," Duncan's editorial concluded. "The work of the commission is growing. The commission needs our support, not some who keep trying to abolish it."

In Nashville, the executive secretary of the SBC Stewardship Commission, James Lackey, said he had not had an opportunity to discuss with McCall his proposal.

Lackey said that when McCall's article appeared in *The Tie*, he wrote to the seminary president, and invited him to come to Nashville to discuss the matter with the staff and see what the commission is already doing to promote the Cooperative Program. McCall did not respond to the letter, Lackey said.

In a telephone interview, McCall conceded that the Stewardship Commission was indeed doing a good job. "Thank God for that. While the present system is not failing, surely there

is a better way."

What we are talking about, McCall said, is not "good vs. bad," but "good vs. better."

McCall said he felt the issue was important enough for a full airing and discussion at the Portland convention.

Restructure Group - - -

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with any specific proposals. Almost all of the 14 who attended were denominational workers who came "just to hear" what might come up during the discussions.

At the February meeting, Price stressed that the committee was open to any suggestions from anyone. "We've really tried to listen, to hear, to seek opposing viewpoints concerning alternatives in our study," Price said.

The committee was appointed in 1970 and assigned by the SBC Executive Committee to study the total program and structure of the convention. Last year, the committee made three recommendations to the convention in Philadelphia.

Two proposals, approved by the convention, expanded the scope and membership of the Radio-Television Commission and Brotherhood Commission. A third recommendation, which would have transferred the stewardship programs from the SBC Stewardship Commission to the Executive Committee, was defeated by the convention.

Price said that at this time, the committee does not plan to make any recommendations to the convention in Portland.

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institutions and individuals than to attempt to strike back at the smaller, less organized ones.

Southern Baptist missionaries in Israel, concludes the letter to Mrs. Meir, appreciate the right to express their faith freely and to maintain churches, schools, hospitals, bookshops, theological training centers and other Christian institutions and ministries without interference.

The missionaries adopted the letter as a group during their annual business meeting near here.

"The difference between listening to a radio sermon and going to Church is the same as the difference between calling a girl on the telephone and spending an evening with her." — Christian Herald

The church-going habit will put you into touch with the institution which underlies most that is best in our American life.



Beautiful Oregon Coast Near Ecola Park

Credit: Great landscape scenery as viewed from Ecola State Park, north of Cannon Beach. The area is about 100 miles from Portland where the South

Baptist Convention meets July 12-14, 1973. Courtesy Portland Chamber of Commerce.

Theme: "All Things Are Made New"

Woman's Missionary Union To Meet In Portland, June 10 And 11, Before SBC

Sunday, June 10, 6:30 p.m.

Memorial Coliseum

"Sing Unto the Lord a New Song" — congregational singing and special music, directed by David Ford, minister of music, First Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn.

"Walking in Newness of Life" — testimonies by Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Goad, Southern Baptist missionary appointees to Vietnam

"Language Missions in Today's West" — panel presentation coordinated by Oscar Romo, language missions secretary, Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, Atlanta. Speakers:

—Joe Vasques, San Francisco, Calif., developer of Spanish ministries in Portland

—Fanny and Christine Toledo, Indian singers, Gallup, N.M.

—Willie Johnson, Eskimo pastor, Anchorage, Alaska.

—David Saludez, staff member, Kalihhi Baptist Church, Honolulu

"Ministry '73" — concert by singers from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., Phillip Landgrave, director

"Mixing Things, New Again" — message by Kenneth Chaifin, pastor, South Main Baptist Church, Houston

Benediction — Porter W. Routh, Executive secretary-treasurer, Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee, Nashville, Tenn.

Upon adjournment of this session Woman's Missionary Union and the SBC Home Mission Board invite you to join the Silver Anniversary Celebration of the Northwest Baptist Convention in the adjacent Exhibit Hall

Featuring entertainment by: —The Spring Street Singers, stars of the television series, "Spring Street USA"

Monday, June 11, 9:30 a.m.

Portland Civic Auditorium

"Just Ask a Woman" — call to meditation by Mrs. T. Marshall Collins Jr., Baptist Young Women director, Calvary Baptist Church, Dothan, Ala.

"Sing Unto the Lord a New Song" — directed by David Ford, annual meeting music director

"There's a New World Coming" — address by Marjorie Jones, Southern Baptist missionary to Brazil

"Giant Steps Cross Country" — panel report by:

—Mrs. I. W. Bowen III, Forsyth, Ga., president of Georgia Woman's Missionary Union

—Mrs. Hughes Scherff, Clarksburg, Mo., president of Missouri Woman's Missionary Union

—Mrs. Lamar Jackson, Birmingham, Ala., president of Alabama Woman's Missionary Union

—Mrs. Gilmer Cross, Lexington, N.C., president of North Carolina WMU

—Mrs. Lee N. Allen, Birmingham, Ala., public relations director, Georgia Woman's Missionary Union

"Language Missions in Today's West" — coordinated by Irvin Dawson, language missions department, SBC Home Mission Board, Atlanta. Speakers:

—Harold Heiney, Southern Baptist home missionary among Indians, Pine Ridge, S.C.

—Mrs. Irene Stark, leader in ministries for the deaf, Renton, Wash.

—Mrs. Huron Polnac, Southern Baptist home missionary, Boise, Idaho

—Mrs. Fern Powers, leader in ministries for international seamen, Olympia, Wash.

"Look What You Started" — address by Nilson do Amaral Finini, pastor, First Baptist Church, Nitropol, Brazil

"Prayer for a New Day" — Mrs. Robert Fling, former SBC Woman's Missionary Union president, Pleasantville, N.Y.

Monday afternoon, 2:00 p.m.

"Just Ask a Woman" — call to meditation, Mrs. T. Marshall Collins Jr., Dothan, Ala.

"Sing Unto the Lord a New Song" — David Ford, Nashville, Tenn.

"There's a New World Coming" — address by Mrs. Carlos Owens, Southern Baptist missionary to Tanzania

"Language Missions in Today's West" — Chinese Baptists in California, presentation coordinated by Harold Hitt, Southern Baptist home missionary, Clackamas, Ore.

—Concert by choir of Vancouver Chinese Baptist Church, Vancouver, B.C.

"Lifting the Veil of Yemen" — address by Alma Hunt, executive secretary of Woman's Missionary Union, SBC, Birmingham, Ala.

"As New as Tomorrow" — message by Jesse Fletcher, director, Missions Support Division, Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board

"Prayer for a New Day" — Wendell Belew, director, Missions Division, Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Ga.

North Carolina Church Ordains Woman Minister

RALEIGH, N. C. (BP) — Miss Sue Fitzgerald, director of Christian education at Mars Hill Baptist Church, Mars Hill, N. C., has been ordained to the gospel ministry, according to a report in the Biblical Recorder, Baptist state newspaper published here.

She is believed to be the first woman in North Carolina, and the sixth woman in the Southern Baptist Convention to be ordained to the ministry.

Miss Fitzgerald, a native of Greenville, Va., is a graduate of Meredith College and Andover Newton Theological Seminary. She was recently honored as "Citizen of the Year" in Mars Hill.

In an interpretative report published by the Biblical Recorder, Associate Editor Tody Druin predicted that since there are "many other highly qualified women on church staffs across the state, it is probably only a matter of time before others follow suit."

The article pointed out that there has been in recent months a trend in the SBC toward ordination of women to the ministry, and that the question has been gaining prominence in writing and discussion in religious circles.

Ordination of women as deacons has drawn headlines in many states in recent months, the article noted, but numerous North Carolina churches have women deacons, including one church, Pullen Memorial Baptist Church in Raleigh, which has a woman chairman of deacons. A recent speech at a Baptist historical society meeting said women have been ordained as deacons since as early as 1770.

Bulletin

CHARLOTTE, N. C. (BP) — Casper C. Warren, long-time Southern Baptist Convention leader, died at a Charlotte hospital after a lengthy illness. He was president of the Southern Baptist Convention in 1956-57.

Funeral services were scheduled for 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 22, at the First Baptist Church, Charlotte, where he formerly held a long pastorate.

Full details will be presented in next week's Record.

Autograph Party To Premiere New Book By Cooper

Owen Cooper, pictured, President of the Southern Baptist Convention and outstanding layman of Yazoo City, will be honored at an autograph party at the Baptist Book Store, Jackson, Tuesday, May 29, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The event will premier his new book, *The Future is Before Us*.

"I have a dream. It is a many-faceted dream of Christian laymen, assuming their true roles as lay ministers," states Mr. Cooper in the opening statement of his book.

"With this start, Owen Cooper describes his dream of lay involvement in home and foreign missions, in evangelism, and in financial support. He makes solid suggestions, and undergirds his challenge with a solid fact," says Dr. Charles Clark, Baptist Book Store manager. He continues, "Cooper's dream just might fuel the fire in your soul. Mr. Cooper is uniquely qualified to call Southern Baptists to a new thrust. His life has been intertwined with Southern Baptists for many years."

Born in Warren County, Mississippi, he has had great influence on the life of his church, First, Yazoo City, where he serves as active member and deacon, and on his Convention, which he serves (1972-73) as president. He has been moderator of his association, president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, president of the Pan-American Union of Baptist Men, first vice-president of the Southern Baptist Convention, and chairman of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, as well as trustee of numerous Baptist institutions.

Long active in civic affairs as well, Owen Cooper has served as chairman of the Board of Directors of Mississippi Action for Progress, Inc., president of the YMCA in Mississippi, president of the Board of Industrial and Special Services, Inc., president of the Mississippi Economic Council, and leader in several other business and civic organizations.

This first lay president of the Southern Baptist Convention in thirteen years, he graduated from Mississippi State College and the University of Mississippi with bachelor and master degrees, and has been awarded a Doctor of Letters degree by Mississippi College. He and his wife have five children.



The sanctuary at First, Kosciusko, was built in 1961 under the pastorate of Rev. A. B. Pierce.

NOMINATIONS FOR CONVENTION ANNUAL SERMON PREACHER BEING REQUESTED

ATLANTA (BP) — Nominations for persons to preach the annual convention sermon at the 1974 Southern Baptist Convention session in Dallas are being accepted by the SBC Committee on Order of Business, the committee's chairman said here.

Russell H. Dilday, chairman of the committee and pastor of Second-Ponce de Leon Baptist Church here, said the committee would give serious consideration to every name submitted before asking its recommendations to the convention in Portland, June 12-14.

Dilday asked that suggestions be sent to the committee in care of the chairman by writing to him at 2715 Peachtree Road N.E., Atlanta, Ga. 30305.

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First, Kosciusko, Makes Plans For 125th Anniversary Events

Kosciusko's First Church will mark its 125th anniversary on Sunday, June 3, with ceremonies at the church.

The announcement of the event is being made by Dr. S. L. Bailey, general chairman of arrangements. Only two former pastors are now living: Rev. Rowe C. Holcomb of Hazlehurst, and Rev. Lloyd A. Sparkman of Gulfport. They will be featured speakers at the homecoming.

There will be special services during the morning, also in the afternoon, and at 7 p.m. An old fashioned picnic lunch will be a feature, from noon to 2 p.m.

The original minutes showing the organization of the Kosciusko Church are not to be found. The traditional date of 1848 has been in the records since the time living members could have corrected the date had it been in error. Founder of the church was Rev. W. W. Nash.

The church was admitted as a member of the Louisville Baptist Association in 1852. In 1948, the church observed its 100th anniversary, during the pastorate of Rev. Rowe C. Holcomb.

A high point in church progress was made in 1961 when the congregation

built the present structure at a cost of \$250,000. This structure was erected during the pastorate of Rev. A. B. Pierce.

At the time, the church property consisted of the church building and the pastor's home. Since that time two additional homes have been bought for the minister of education and the minister of youth and music. The present value of the property is in excess of a half-million.

The present staff consists of Dr. Harold T. Kitchens, pastor; Rev. William E. Hardy, assistant pastor and minister of education; Derrell Billingsley, minister of youth and music; Miss Susie Cook, organist, Mrs. Freddie George, church secretary; and Mrs. John Garner, educational secretary. This is in comparison to two staff members in 1948.

There are seven life deacons who serve along with twenty-four other deacons who are on three-year rotating terms. These life deacons represent a total of 288 years of service to this church. They are J. C. Maxwell, 56 years; A. E. Atkinson, 54 years; Dr. S. L. Bailey, 41 years; George Thornton, 38 years; L. Donald Jor-

dan, 32 years, and R. R. Watts 32 years.

The total church membership now is about 1,500 members. The 1973 budget adopted by the church was in excess of \$166,700.

In 1964 a kindergarten was organized. The present staff consists of: Mrs. W. E. Hardy, Jr., Director; and teachers, Mrs. Drew Chandler, and Mrs. James Henry.

An "all-in-one-night" service was started in October, 1970, beginning at 5:30 p.m. with children's choir rehearsal, then family night supper, followed by prayer service, then individual meetings of all organizations of the church for arranged programs, and at 8 p.m. adult choir rehearsal. The service has proven to be of great value to the church, rating an average attendance of 165 persons, including children, youth, and adults.

A special invitation is extended to former members, former pastors, former staff members, and their families to join in the anniversary activities.

To laugh is to be free from worry. He who doesn't worry lives long. To live long is to last. Therefore, he who laughs, lasts.

YOUR RIGHT TO KNOW

Something A Layman Can Do Best!

By
Darold H. Morgan



This is the third in a series of informal messages by the Annuity Board President.

SERVING THOSE WHO SERVE THE LORD



"Anything," he said, "will be used carefully." We helped him through the denomination's relief program. Then we asked why he never joined the Protection Program. He said he always wanted to join but never had the heart to ask his church for it. "It was for me and I didn't want to ask," he said, something I hear often from ministers and church employees.

The irony of this example is that some of the churches he served now provide the Program. And they do so because dedicated laymen motivated by Christian concern took action to make it possible.

Your minister and staff, also, may hesitate to ask for this protection. You do it for them. Show your church the need, then encourage it to meet this need for those who serve in salaried positions.

You will find as many churches have, that it is easier to invest systematically for retirement, disability and death benefits, than it is to raise large sums when crises or emergencies happen. Ten per cent of total salary paid into the Protection Program for each employee will provide sufficient benefits to allow him to retire with dignity and security, or aid his family when he dies.

The Annuity Board will gladly furnish details. Write me. I'll see that you get immediately sufficient information about benefits and costs.

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EDITORIAL

An Anniversary Based Upon "Miracles"

Twenty five years ago on Monday, May 14, a new nation was born.

Actually, it was an old nation, which had lived long ago, and then had died, but which now had come alive again as an independent state, taking its place among the nations of the world, and recognized by them for the first time in more than 2500 years.

It was in the year 587 B.C. that Nebuchadnezzar had destroyed the last vestige of the little country's free existence. Although 70 years later a remnant was allowed to return, and although at a much later date there was a period of approximately 100 years of quasi-freedom under the Maccabees, actual existence as an independent, free, recognized nation, did not occur from the days of Nebuchadnezzar until the event of a quarter of a century ago.

Yet, the hope of Israel never died, either in the hearts of the Jews as a people, or in the hearts of those who accepted the prophecies of the Old Testament literally. Among the Jews there always remained the dream, "Next year, Jerusalem," even though the people were scattered in lands afar. Here and there were Bible scholars who said that one day Israel would return to her land, and live again as a nation. Scoffers, of course, even among serious Bible scholars, derided this, and said that God was through with Israel as a nation, and that a return to the land and to statehood was an impossible dream.

Yet, the miracle of the return and rebirth of Israel has come to pass. Those who believed that it must happen were not surprised that late in the 19th century groups of Jews began to

return to the land, and that this was accelerated in the 20th century. And when the land began to "blossom as a rose," the ancient cities began to be rebuilt, and then when the nation itself became a reality, many saw the events as the fulfillment of prophecies of Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel and other prophets. They were convinced that it had to happen before the Lord's return, and it appeared that this generation was seeing it happen.

Events of the past quarter century, the first twenty-five years of the life of the young nation, have only confirmed the beliefs of many that this was under the hand of God. The rebirth itself was a miracle, and the continued existence and prosperity of the little nation also has been a marvel.

Surrounded by enemies who outnumber her ten to one, and who have sworn to wipe her off the face of the earth, Israel has lived and grown stronger with each passing year.

Attacked by her foes almost immediately after she was born, and then twice more at approximately ten year intervals, Israel has defended herself successfully, and the six-day war of 1967, proved to be the greatest miracle of all, for it gave Israel control of old Jerusalem, and occupation of areas, which provides much greater safety and security for the country. The future of these occupied areas has not, of course, been settled.

The survival also has been a miracle in that United Nations has failed to give the support she promised in the beginning, and many nations which should have been friendly, have been hostile. Moreover, numerous reli-

gious leaders, especially of the liberal controlled groups, including the World Council of Churches, and the National Council, and some denominations, have opposed Israel being in the land, claiming that the area rightfully belongs to the Arabs. Even the Roman Catholic hierarchy has been unsympathetic. Despite all of this Israel has lived, is stronger today than she ever has been, and although there continues to be concern about a mid-East crisis with Israel at its center, the nation seems more able to defend herself and keep her place among the nations, today, than ever before.

The rebuilding of the land has, in itself, been miraculous. When Mark Twain toured Palestine around the beginning of this century, he dismissed the country as "desolate beyond reclamation," dubbing it as a "hopeless, dreary, heartbroken land." A century earlier Voltaire is reported to have sneered "Who could believe that this little barren country could ever again be occupied as a homeland for Israel?" Yet, today, it is just that! Spreading, fertile farmlands and orchards rich with fruit stand where swamps stagnated and deserts burned. Over a hundred million trees have been planted to reforest the barren hills. Great cities and bustling towns abound where once stood only the ruins of civilizations long dead. Truly Israel has brought the land to life.

Is this a fulfillment of prophecy? It is hard for one to read the prophecy of Ezekiel 37 of the scattered bones being gathered and life being given, and hearing the words of the Lord to the prophet, "This is whole-house of Israel," and not believe prophecy is being fulfilled before his eyes. Nor can one overlook Ezekiel's words in the preceding chapter, "For I will take you from among the nations, and gather you out of all countries, and will bring you into your own land. . . I will also cause you to dwell in the cities, and the wastes shall be built. And the desolate land shall be tilled, whereas it lay desolate in the sight of all who passed by. And they shall say, this land that was desolate is become like the garden of Eden, and the waste and desolate and ruined cities are become fortified, and are inhabited." (Ezek. 36:24, 33-35).

Is it really a fulfillment of prophecy? Many say no, but others believe that it may be. Anyway, the world watches with wonder the little new nation, which, in just twenty-five years, has become one of the strongest small nations in the world today. As they look with amazement at what has happened in this brief period, many must ask, "How could it have happened, except under the direction of God?"

It should be understood, of course, that when we speak of God's hand in Israel's history as a nation, we are not speaking of personal salvation. In the matter of need for being born again, through faith in Jesus Christ, every man in the world stands in the same position before God. The national restoration relates to events connected with the Lord's second coming.



"THEY THAT WAIT UPON THE LORD SHALL RENEW THEIR STRENGTH; THEY SHALL MOUNT UP WITH WINGS AS EAGLES, THEY SHALL RUN, AND NOT BE WEARY, AND THEY SHALL WALK, AND NOT FAINT."

ISA. 40:31

Pause For Power

THE BAPTIST FORUM

Church Seeks Pictures Of Former Pastors

Dear Dr. Odle:

The Sylvarena Baptist Church, R.F.D. 4, Wesson, is planning to observe its 75th anniversary in September. In preparation for this we are preparing a brochure with a history of the church, including pictures of former pastors.

We need photographs of the following men: J. C. Parker, T. J. Moore, I. H. Anding, J. R. Sumner, Oscar Autritt, M. P. Jones, W. H. Evans, W. W. Allred, C. W. Barnes, D. L. Edwards and C. R. "Bobby" Walker. Some other men have served as pastor but we either have their pictures, or will be in direct touch with them. We should like for any reader of the Baptist Record, having pictures of any of these men, to contact us immediately.

The pictures or a letter concerning their availability should be sent to Rev. Wayne Griffith, Rt. 4, Wesson, Miss. 39191. The pictures will be taken care of and returned to the sender after the printer has copied them for printing.

Thank you in advance for your assistance in helping us make our anniversary a great event.

Sincerely,
J. W. Jackson
Chairman of Anniversary Committee
Route 4
Wesson, Miss. 39191



A Woman's World Reaches Far
Beyond the Ironing Board

Wilda Fancher walked into the office at school, wrote on the sign-in book, Fancher, 8:13. Deadline is 8:15. The assistant principal said, "Francis Tilden Fancher. Who in the world is that?"

He was reading from the list of names by which he would announce the graduates that night as they came to receive their diplomas. I said, "You know very well who that is, but he'll croak if you read it all out tonight."

The Senior sponsor was listening and said, "No, that's how he wrote he wanted it."

At supper with a tableful of kinfolks I told Frank about the morning's incident. He said, "Sure. And if anybody's big enough to say anything about my name, let him come on." Frank had two great-grandfathers living when he was born. We combined some of their names for him, but called him Frank from the beginning.

Graduation was fine. The evening passed, he was safely in at 12:30, and I lay there thinking for a while after he went to bed. All during the days prior to graduation I had taken time out for the memories that special times evoke: how it took four of us to give him his first haircut (it would probably take twice that many to give him one now), how he would hum "Jesus Loves Me" as he went to sleep before he could talk well enough to say the words, how he could climb anything he could get a toe on before he could walk, how he stopped on the front steps every Sunday morning when he got home from the nursery and took off shoes, socks, coat, tie and shirt — he hated Sunday clothes then, how he survived eight concussions, and the degrees of our agony during each one, how high his boy-soprano voice was, his performance as Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer in kindergarten, his home run at District Dixie Youth Baseball Tournament, his exciting trips in the U.S. and to Japan, Hawaii, and Alaska, his performance in the role of Jesus in last Easter's drama, his thrill in getting the news that his ACT score made him eligible for a Merit Scholarship. On and on I thought of experiences he has had — both good ones and bad ones. I found much to be grateful to him for.

Few of you mothers have the privilege of saying in such a public way as I have how much you appreciate your children. I wrote a column about our first graduate two years ago and dedicated it to mothers-of-graduates and received enough evidence to know it touched home with many. So, I dedicate this column about our second graduate to mothers-of-graduates and express to our children, yours and mine, our appreciation to them for all their fine points. It really is incredible that they could be graduating from high school, though, isn't it? I suppose our third one will be just as big a shock to me in 1976.

Anyway, at this point, I am glad I did not yield to the temptation to knock Frank in the head on several occasions when I felt such action would have been fully justified!

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Pastor Invites

Baptists To Stop

In South Idaho

Dear Mr. Odle:

We have friends in Mississippi who have

been to our church in Baker. We would like

these people to know that we are moving to

Caldwell, Idaho (First Southern Baptist Church) by June 1. We would invite any or

all to stop by to see us on the way to Port-

land to the convention. This will be the 4th

church in the pioneer area. We could use

your help at this church. Come by to see

us and we will tell you about it.

The church in Caldwell is at the corner of Cleveland and 16th which is a few blocks

from the center of city exit on the main highway to Portland which passes through Southern Idaho. The parsonage is just to the

north of the church. Come to see us.

Wayne L. Naylor
Box 917
Baker, Montana 59313

EDUCATION...what's happening

The percentage of young men who enroll in American colleges and universities has dropped sharply in the last three years, a period that coincides with a reduced threat from the military draft.

According to a new population survey by the U.S. Census Bureau, some 37.6 percent of the country's 18- and 19-year-old men were enrolled last fall, compared with a peak of 44 percent in the fall of 1969. Among 20- and 21-year-old men, the number dropped from 44.7 percent in 1969 to 36 percent in 1972.

The sharp decline, which left the percentages of men in college at their lowest level since 1964, did not include women, however. The percentage of college-age women enrolled last fall was substantially the same as three years before.

One effect of the differing trends for men and women was to close the gap between the sexes in their attendance at college. Among 18- and 19-year-olds, for instance, there were nearly 12 percent more young men in college in 1962, but the gap closed to 3 percentage points by last fall.

Enrollment of blacks jumped some 211 percent between 1964 and 1972, the survey found, and they now make up about 9 percent of all college students.

Guest Editorial

Why Women Are Being Ordained

Jack Gritz
In Baptist Messenger (Okla.)
Often we print in the Baptist Messenger news about Baptist activities which does not particularly make us happy. Such was the story in last week's Messenger about the fifth woman to be ordained by a Southern Baptist church, Elizabeth G. Hutchens, who was ordained by Baptist Temple Church in Alexandria, Va.

We are sorry for each of the churches which has chosen to defy the teachings of the Scriptures on the subject of ordination and to enter into this unscriptural practice of ordaining women. Sometimes someone says, "Why don't they make them stop doing that?" This just shows how little these people understand about the Baptist way of life! There is no "they" which has authority to tell an independent Baptist church what it can or cannot do. Each church is responsible to its Lord.

The Bible's teachings on the subject are so clear that we have repeatedly wondered, however, how churches could fall into this grave error.

It now appears that the Alexandria church — and perhaps others before it — were misled by a memorandum

with a stiff regulation from the federal government. Alexandria is so near the nation's capital in Washington, D. C. that it may be easier there to hear the voices of governmental bureaucrats than the still small voice. It is all quite simple. Miss Hutchens wished to serve as a chaplain intern at Saint Elizabeth's Hospital in Washington, a federal facility. Federal regulations require that staff chaplains be ordained ministers. The presbytery made up of Baptist preachers from Mount Vernon Association were unanimous that Miss Hutchens be ordained. We wish the church and the presbytery had turned their efforts to getting the federal regulation cancelled or modified in this case rather than choosing to ignore the Bible and help Miss Hutchens obtained the position she wanted in a government hospital.

Such an ordination is not scriptural. It is convenient. And it does meet federal regulations. What was that our forefathers said about mixing church and state? Oh well, that was a long time ago and things were different, much different then.

kindness. This is a fresh approach to a great prophetic book.

CONVERSATIONS ON LOVE AND SEX IN MARRIAGE by Jim and June Cicero and Ivan and Joyce Fahs (Word, 138 pp., \$3.50) A book for married couples. The conversation is frank but dignified as it deals with Christian attitudes toward sexuality and sexual relationships within the context of love in the marriage.

AT THE RISK OF IDOLATRY by Warren Carr (Judson, 144 pp., \$4.95) Presents the necessity for the institutional church in modern Christianity. Discusses the fact that many moderns believe that the day of the institutional church is passed. The author even argues for sectarian institutionalism but is critical toward some of the positions of groups like Southern Baptists. The book presents some unusual concepts and is not written from the old conservative point of view. Careful students will find some interesting suggestions but will not agree with all of its ideas.

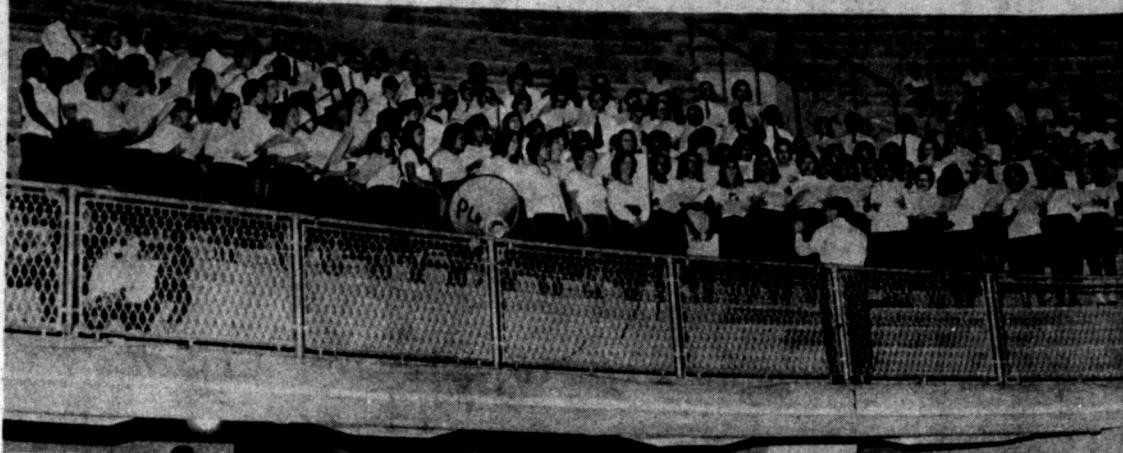
THE BOOK OF HABAKKUK, A Study Manual by John H. Stoll (Baker, 89 pp., paper \$1.50) One of the series of Shield Bible Studies which seeks to present the basic truths from books of the Bible. This is not an exhaustive commentary, but does present a discussion of truths of the book of Habakkuk.

HEREAFTER by David Winter (Harold Shaw, Publishers, paper, pocketbook, 91 pp., \$1.25) The subtitle is What happens after Death? Presents evidences for survival beyond death, talks about the change in the body and discusses what heaven is like. A brief but helpful study for those who are seeking to understand the future.

DRAMATIC STORIES FOR MISSIONARY PROGRAMS by Marie Lind (Baker, 175 pp., \$2.95) Accounts of witnessing Christians in West Africa. The author spent 18 months in Sierra Leone doing research

THE CITY AND THE SIGN by Geoffrey T. Bull (Baker, 156 pp., \$3.95).

The subtitle is "An Interpretation of the Book of Jonah." The writer lives in Scotland and has served as a missionary in Tibet. With poetic ability, he tells the story and meaning of the prophecy of Jonah. He speaks of the great mistake, the great wind, the great fish, the great city, and the great



Part of crowd of 12,000 who attended May meeting at Maracanazinho (Little Maracana) Stadium in Rio. Photo at right was taken as hands were lifted in sign of gratitude to God for His blessings. Photo at left shows part of the choir (see accompanying story).—Photos by Linhares.



12,000 Attend Service Of Thanksgiving At Coliseum In Rio



Rev. David Gomes, preacher and director, Bible School of the Air, speaks at the May 5 meeting at the stadium in Rio, Brazil.

By Bill H. Ichter, Missionary, Brazil

In a day when it seems that men put their confidence more and more in "things," Rev. David Gomes is quite an exception. Gomes, no stranger to many Mississippi Baptists, is a man who is an outstanding example of faith in God.

Pastor of the Esperanca (Hope) Baptist Church, president of the Brazilian Bible Society, and first vice-president of the Brazilian Baptist Convention, Gomes was the principal speaker recently at a thanksgiving service at Maracanazinho coliseum in Rio de Janeiro.

Culminating the program that featured a 200-voice choir, Baptist band, Baptist orchestra, and an American style flash card presentation by 50 girls from the Baptist Training School, Gomes brought a message entitled "I Believe in Miracles."

David Gomes has every reason to believe in

miracles. Throughout his ministry he has seen God's power manifested in many ways.

The May 5 meeting at Maracanazinho was promoted by Gomes to express gratitude to God for three recent manifestations of His power. On the day of the program, the Bible School of the Air was celebrating its 24th anniversary. This program, begun modestly by Gomes, is now being transmitted over 26 radio stations in eight states of Brazil, in addition to The Voice of the Andes in Quito, Ecuador, and Trans World Radio in the Dutch West Indies.

The second motive for the service was to commemorate the signing of the deed to strategic property in the heart of downtown Rio de Janeiro. On this property, the acquisition of which is an outstanding testimony of faith in God, plans call for the erection of a 26-story building which will be

called "The Building of Faith." This building will house, among other entities, the Bible School of the Air, and the Esperanca Baptist Church.

Many doubted, some scoffed and few were optimistic in 1969 when Gomes and the small group of believers, with very limited financial resources first began talking about property in downtown. But God blessed and the property now belongs to the Bible School of the Air.

The third reason for the thanksgiving service was to express gratitude for the successful cataract operation which David Gomes recently experienced.

Among those attending the meeting, in addition to outstanding evangelical leaders, were the governor, the lieutenant governor, and six members of the House of Representatives from the state of Guanabara. Radio and television stations, and local newspapers gave ample coverage to the event attended by 12,000 people on a rainy afternoon.

Five Of College Faculty Retire After 142 Years

A combined total of 142 years of teaching and administrative experience came to a close at Mississippi College when the institution closed out its 147th academic session with graduation on Sunday, May 20.

The five members of the college family who have accumulated the 142 years are James Q. (Stute) Allen, basketball coach and associate professor of health, physical education and recreation; Henry A. Carlock, professor of physics; Mrs. Eugene I. Farr, cataloguer librarian; Laney M. Lanier, business manager; and Dr. Howard E. Spell, professor of Bible and former dean of the college.

James Q. (Stute) Allen came to the college in 1953 from Clinton High School, where he served for 20 years. During his 20 years at Mississippi College he has produced approximately 200 basketball coaches and his squads have accumulated nine National Intercollegiate Athletic Association col-

lege division scoring records. The longest standing record is the highest scoring average for a season when his team averaged 114.2 points a game in 19 contests in 1959-60.

Carlock, during his 35-year tenure with Mississippi College, has counseled with more than 100 physics majors who have distinguished themselves in academic and industrial circles. For six years he was the Mississippi State Radiological Officer for Civil Defense and has designed and built many pieces of scientific apparatus used in the physics and electronic fields.

Mrs. Eugene I. Farr has been cataloger at the Leland Speed Library on campus for the past 21 years. Mrs. Farr has catalogued every book which has been added to the library collection since she joined the staff in 1952—an impressive 92,658 volumes. She has catalogued more than 60% of the present library book collection of approximately 134,000 volumes.



These five members of the Mississippi College faculty and staff are retiring after a combined total of 142 years. They were honored recently with a special chapel ceremony and reception on campus. Seated are Mrs. Eugene I. Farr, catalogue librarian, 21 years; and Dr. Howard E. Spell, professor of Bible, 46 years. Standing, from left, are Laney M. Lanier, business manager, 20 years; James Q. (Stute) Allen, basketball coach and associate professor of health, physical education and recreation, 20 years; and Henry A. Carlock, professor of physics, 35 years. (M. C. Photo by Bill Strange)

Year Of Evangelism

What's Happening In The Churches?

Ridgeland Church, Madison County

By Anne W. McWilliams

"We believe God says to us, 'My presence is with you; I will give you my power; and you will see my performance,'" declared Rev. Jerry Odom, pastor of Ridgeland Church just north of Jackson.

"Our top emphasis is on evangelism," he continued — "evangelism through the Sunday School, through lay evangelism and WIN materials, and personal evangelism."

Such unusual happenings have occurred within a short time at the church that the members and staff are calling it the Exciting Ridgeland Baptist Church.

Less than two years ago the Sunday School was averaging 165 with 300 enrolled, but today it is averaging around 450 with 889 enrolled. New high attendance records have been set seven times in 18 months. Resident church membership a year ago was 365; today it is 610.

To tell the story of the church's growth, Pastor Odom wrote a story for publication in the evangelistic magazine, "Bring Them In!" The following facts are drawn from his story.

OCTOBER 1971. Four months after Mr. Odom became pastor, a rally day was set for the purpose of setting a new Sunday School attendance record. The old record was 265. The three hundred barrier was broken for the first time when 350 attended. (Enrollment was then 362.)

MARCH 1972. Five months later the Sunday School was averaging 237 in attendance. The pastor challenged the Sunday School to average 301 for six weeks. During the campaign the Sunday School went over the 300 mark three times, setting a new record at 358.

APRIL 1972. A Lay Evangelism School was conducted, with 80 enrolled. Another school was held recently and now the church averages 20-25 adults who go every week to witness to the lost. The church baptized 108

persons and received by transfer 80 persons last year.

MAY 1972. A bus evangelism program was begun. After months of preparation, the church began with two buses and brought 20 riders the first week. One little girl that first day accepted Christ as Saviour. In the sixth week, riders numbered 71. On the tenth week a third bus was added. On the 12th week attendance reached 163 on three buses. During the 17th week fourth bus was added and on the 23rd week riders hit 200. The church now has seven buses. (On January 28 of this year, five buses brought in 301 riders.)

Three graded worship services are conducted each week for more than 100 boys and girls, ages 4-11. The involvement of the church in this outreach program has stimulated missions, training, finances, and all aspects of the church.

JUNE, 1972. The word 'slump' was banned, never to be used in reference with 'summer.' Instead the Summer Sunday Surge began. The goal was to average 271 for the three summer months. This was 21 above the average to date that church year. The summer average reached 343, or 170 more in Sunday School than the previous year and 72 more than the goal set.

JULY, 1972. An eight-day revival was led by a five-member team from Total Evangelistic Concepts, and Evangelist Ray Sadler. During the revival there were 71 professions of faith and 16 transfers of membership.

OCTOBER, 1972. At the close of the revival in July, Evangelist Ray Sadler, had challenged the pastor and church to have a Miracle Day in October. The object of the miracle was to set a goal for Sunday School attendance that the church thought it could achieve, plus 100, which by faith the Lord would add and thus a miracle would be performed. A goal of 800 was set; more than double the 358 a year before. The day arrived, and so did the people. A total of 903

Preacher From Paris Leads Leeward Islands Crusade

By Florence Frederick, Missionary, Guadeloupe, FWI

(Guadeloupe, FWI) Guadeloupe's four Baptist churches recently participated in a series of crusades. The Leeward Islands Baptist Mission which works there, invited M. Jose Ventura of Paris, France to be the evangelist. Each crusade consisted of six nights. During each revival M. Jose Ventura did a chalk talk two nights. Mr. Smith cannot speak French, the language of the island. M. Ventura has only a partial command of English. But the language barrier was easily crossed. Mr. Smith drew his picture and gave its application in Spanish which he had learned and used in South America. Then M. Ventura who was born in Spain and is French by naturalization translated the sermonettes into French. (Continued on page 6)

made a big part of the services. A group of young people sang every night. They were led by Mr. Claude Vainqueur. Claude is a dedicated young man with outstanding musical ability. He does not read music but listens to recordings, writes down the words, and picks out the music on his electric guitar. His renditions of modern religious folk songs of France have a Guadeloupean flavor. Each night his group sang at least three specials. Specials were also done by members of other churches in addition to three or more congregational songs. M. Smith came to play for nine

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of the service, but their names had been recorded on a visitor's card. Their names and that of the child were given to Sunday school classes for visitation. Mrs. Howell visited the home of the couple for six weeks in succession, witnessing to the wife, who was a worshiper in a Satanic church. On the sixth week the lady made a profession of faith in Christ, and has since joined Ridgeland Church and been baptized. She attends regularly, and takes her child to Sunday School.

Ridgeland Church has counselors who talk with new members before they fill in their church membership cards. WIN materials are taken into the homes of all new members, encouraging the new members to become witnesses from the very beginning.

Eight to ten groups are now meeting in homes for Bible study, seeking to reach as many as possible in each area.

Mrs. Howell said, "I feel that the Holy Spirit is definitely at work in the church. One woman came forward one Sunday, saying she did not know why she came forward, but felt that the Holy Spirit was speaking to her heart. Her background training in the Bible was confused, and she needed guidance. Since then counselors have visited her, to help her understand the way of salvation and her impulse to become a Christian."

The Sunday school average in March and April was almost 500. "But in a community of 3,000, this is not enough," says the pastor. "Where were all the others? There is no stopping place, no end to goals. The Lord said, 'Go,' and we keep going, trying to reach as many as we can, in answer to His command."

"We believe God's promise: 'Greater things than these can you do...' God has given this church the people, the buses, television, and other resources to use for Him and His glory — and we are not limited. We must have the faith we can do these things and just go to work."

TAEJON, Korea — A provincial prayer breakfast held here has resulted in the baptism of 40 young soldiers. According to Southern Baptist missionary Rolla M. Bradley, the breakfast provided the setting for a chance meeting between missionary Albert W. Gammage Jr. and a Korean army colonel. Gammage invited the officer's men to visit one of the four Baptist servicemen's centers in Taejon. Over a 10-day period, 300 men visited the center and 195 of them made professions of faith in Christ.



As seen from the above picture, day camping is much, much more than "spending the day" at a camp site. It means learning about nature, learning how to make things such as the terrarium shown in the picture—it means a day of activity and learning and fun. Left to right are Mrs. Paulette May, Crystal Springs; Mrs. Luzon Truly, Fayette; Rev. George Butler, Pace; and Rev. Olyn Roberts, Philadelphia.

Day Camping Is Fun!!

Learning about conducting Day Baptist Sunday School Board in Nashville, was present for the day and shared with those present the importance of day camping as well as information about how to conduct a successful and effective Day Camp.

The religion which makes a man look sick certainly won't cure the world.

Many a blunt word has a sharp edge.

Bob Sessums, an associate in the Church Recreation Department of the

Student Summer Missionaries Named



1000th At Colonial Heights

On May 6, Cheryl Abbott became the 1000th member of Colonial Heights Church, Jackson. Eight joined in the service, bringing membership in the 17-year-old church to 1005, one-fourth of these 1000 have come into the fellowship of the church during the eight months that Rev. Brian Harbour, left above, has served as pastor. Cheryl, center, was given a certificate of recognition. Bill Rigsby, chairman of deacons, is at right. The pastor appointed a "Committee of 1000" to recommend to the church some appropriate action to commemorate this significant plateau the church has reached.

There were 590 in Sunday School on May 6, over twice as many as attended on the pastor's first Sunday at the church. Over the past eight months, the church has averaged six additions each week.

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Kentucky, Steve Newsome, Mississippi College, Pelahatchie, and Joy Hurt, Blue Mountain College, Memphis, Tennessee; Indiana, Danny Johnson, Mississippi College, Columbus, Ga.; Kentucky, Steve Newsome Mississippi College, Pine Bluff, Ark.; Louisiana, Rose Mary Valentine, Mississippi College, Greenwood; Maine, Barbara Gray, MSCW, Gulfport; Massachusetts, Judy Gore, Mississippi College, Clinton, and Phyllis Reynolds, Mississippi State University, Forest;

Nevada, Sharon Dickerson, Mississippi State University, Tupelo; New Mexico, Peggy Vaughn, Mississippi State University, Jackson; New York, Sherri Birchwell, William Carey College, Gulfport; Northwest, Terry Booth, William Carey College, Laurel; Tennessee, Phillip Johnsey, Northeast Junior College, Corinth; Virginia, Barbara Lyon, Jones County Junior College, Bowling Green, Ky., and Lynn Lyon, Jones County Junior College, Laurel.

Baptist Student Union missions is a program sponsored jointly by state departments of student work, National Student Ministries of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, and the Home and Foreign Mission Boards, SBC.

The missionaries do not receive salaries. Room and board is furnished

NBC To Air "Legacy," Filmed In Holland

"Legacy," the hour-long religious special produced by the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission in association with NBC will be shown by the network at 4:30-5:30 p.m., EDT, Sunday, May 27.

"Legacy," filmed in the Netherlands, is designed to show the contribution to America, and the world, of an extraordinary people — the Dutch of the 17th Century and today.

Narrated by Alexander Scourby, "Legacy" presents the portrait of a people through the works of modern artists as well as the Old Masters and through external locations such as the Pilgrim's Church in Amsterdam and Anne Frank's House.

Emphasized in "Legacy" are the Dutch traits of hard work, a love of life, and, above all, a love of complete political and religious freedom.

Check your local station listings for the time in your area.

by the mission where the student works. Transportation and other necessary expenses are provided by the missions offering gifts of college students and directors. No church is solicited for a contribution. This year the financial goal is \$15,000, and listed below (according to date of first remittance) are the gifts received as of

May 18, 1973.

Student Convention Offering, \$556.65; Itawamba, \$501.00; Southern, \$1,105.00; Delta State, \$873.17; Ole Miss, \$79.22; Blue Mountain, \$309.85; Copiah-Lincoln, \$234.69; East Central, \$300.00; Northwest, \$100.00; Jones, \$1,091.38; William Carey, \$1,000.00; Mississippi State, \$3,000.00; Mississip-

pi Delta \$100.00; Leadership Training Conf., \$162.71; Holmes \$100.00; Clarke, \$132.50; Hinds, \$2,000.00; Individual Gifts \$124.00; Mississippi College, \$2,600.00; Baptist Hospital, \$40.00; Pearl River, \$150.00; Northeast, \$350.00; Southwest, \$300.00; MSCW, \$655.86; Gulf Coast, \$75.50; for a total of \$15,944.53.

Mississippians Share In Work Of New York Church



West Main Baptist Church of Fredonia, New York has recently constructed the first unit of its building. Individuals and churches in Mississippi have shared financially in the building through direct mission gifts and the Cooperative program.

The pastor is Rev. Gene Fant, a native of Laurel, who began the church five years ago with one family. The congregation is made up of almost all native New Yorkers, including former go-go dancers, bartenders, addicts, and even circus performers who were fire-eaters. Membership now stands at 150 and during the current year there have been 74 professions of faith with 40 being baptized.

The church now sponsors two missions, conducts a bus ministry, ministers to Spanish and Polish-speaking persons and will have three young ladies serving as summer missionaries to Virginia, Canada, and Brazil. Five men have surrendered to the ministry during the five-year history of the church.

The church met for four years in

the cafeteria of a factory manufacturing Johnny Carson suits, then in the pastor's home for one year before moving into its new facility. The building, evaluated at \$57,000, was constructed at a cost of \$36,000 with volunteers and contains space for six Sunday School rooms and room for 150 persons in worship.

The pews were salvaged from a Ca-

tholic church and completely refinished, while the organ came from a local tavern owner who was witnessed to be the pastor and who has since died of cancer. The pulpit furniture was used by Pastor Fant at the Union Baptist Church in Smith County when he was pastor for four years. It was donated to the New York work by that congregation.

Names In The News

Rev. Harry H. Ross has resigned as pastor of the Cary Church. He may be reached at 902 Robinson Drive, Winnsboro, La. 71295, for supply, revival, or pastoral. He does not have a phone at present, but may be reached through Dr. Randel Sledge, Temple Baptist Church, Winnsboro, La.

Rev. J. Roy McComb, pictured, pastor of First Church, Sardis, has been nominated for an Outstanding Young Men of America Award. Graduate of Mississippi College, he received the Master of Theology degree at New Orleans Seminary and is presently finishing work there for his doctoral degree. He is married to the former Donna Martin of Eupora, and they have two children, Cynthia II, and Donovan 2.

Rev. Don Savell is the new pastor of First Church, Orange Grove, Jackson County, having moved there from New Zion Church, Oak Grove.

Rev. Tom Crawford, pastor of First Church, Helena, Jackson County, has resigned. He and his family are moving to Clarke College where he will begin his formal education.

Roger Smith, youth director of Bissell Church, presents sixty dollars to Mrs. Sybel Stepp, WMU director. The money was raised by the Royal Ambassadors and Girls in Action at a car wash. The money will be given to the Home Mission offering.

Lee Bullock of Columbia, sophomore at William Carey College, was awarded a special "Spirit of Aspiration" award at annual Honors Day ceremonies. The first to be presented with the special citation, he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Bullock. The Leadership

Fraternity at Carey made the award to Bullock and it was presented by Van Payne, president. Bullock, who is totally deaf, is one of the most popular and accomplished young men on the Carey campus.



Carey College's first woman boomerang was among 305 seniors graduating on May 19. Vera Jean Miller, sergeant first class, joined the Woman's Army Corps in 1960. On special assignment from the service to complete her bachelor's degree, she is getting a major in English with hopes of becoming a free-lance writer following retirement from service. Native of Petal, she has served on the Okinawa and in France.

Terry Cutrer, native of Pascagoula and a senior at Mississippi College, has joined the staff of Ingalls Avenue Church, Pascagoula, as a summer worker. In 1971 he was Home Mission Board summer missionary to New York. Last summer, he was youth

director in Lyon Church. He was recently elected to serve as BSU president at MC for '73-'74. His official title at the church will be assistant to the pastor. His responsibilities will include promotion of the bus ministry, youth pastor for Grades 1-6, youth retreat, Vacation Bible School worker, and visitation. He was greeted on his first Sunday by a large Youth Fellowship. Dr. Allen O. Webb is pastor of Ingalls Ave.

Beau Colle, minister of education, First, Greenwood, will be moving from his present position to become an associate in the Teacher-Training Division of the Louisiana Baptist Convention in Alexandria, La. This will become effective June 1. He has served in Greenwood since July, 1971. Previously, he served First Church, Wichita Falls, Texas as minister of youth and minister of recreation.

Lane Adams, associate evangelist with Billy Graham, is returning to the congregational ministry after nine years and some forty city-wide crusades with the Graham Team. He is moving to California May 15 to take up new duties as minister of evangelism at the Hollywood First Presbyterian Church. His work with the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association over the years has taken him to Canada, Australia, New Zealand, England, Israel, and the Virgin Islands as well as all over the United States.



New Zion Church (top photo) near Braxton in Simpson County dedicated their new educational building on April 15, and held a noteburning service (bottom photo). Dr. R. A. Tullos, Simpson County missionary, delivered the dedicatory message. The new debt-free building contains five Sunday School rooms and two restrooms. Rev. R. G. Stewart, pastor, announces that New Zion is planning Homecoming Day for May 27, and that all former members and pastors will be especially welcome. The church is planning a "Drive for 125" present in Sunday School which will begin at 9:45. After the 11 a.m. service, dinner will be served on the grounds followed by afternoon hymn singing.

Revival Dates

Macedonia, Route 2, Mendenhall: May 23-27, dinner on the ground, Sunday; services at 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Howard McLemore, pastor, bringing the messages; singing under direction of Mrs. Bobbie McLemore.

Ora Church, Collins: May 27 - June 2; Rev. Robert Miles, pastor Highland Church, Crystal Springs, evangelist; Mike Williams, song leader; services 8 p.m.; Rev. Emory May, pastor.

Union (North), Collins: June 3-8; Rev. Larry Russell, evangelist; Rev. Bilbo Sellers, pastor; Sunday services at 11 a.m. with lunch at church and afternoon service; Monday at 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Butch Knight, pastor.

Calvary, Meridian: June 3-10; Dr. Angel Martinez, evangelist; services at 10 a.m. Tuesday through Friday; services at 7:30 p.m. each night; lunch will be served after the morning services and all guests, especially ministers, wives and families, are invited to stay for fellowship with Dr. Martinez; evangelist singer, Homer Tankersley of Clovis, New Mexico; Rev. W. Otis Seal, pastor.

Church Music Conference Sets Half-Dozen Concerts

PORTLAND (BP) — The Southern Baptist Church Music Conference, slated here Friday and Saturday, June 15-16 following the Southern Baptist Convention, will feature a half dozen concerts, a series of Round Robin conferences, and conclude with a discussion of trends in church music by two noted composers and arrangers.

The two-day conference, expected to attract about 200 Southern Baptist church musicians from across the nation, will conclude with presentations by Kurt Kaiser and Ralph Carmichael two of the nation's leading religious composers and arrangers.

Kaiser will discuss trends of performance in new music, and Carmichael will speak on trends in church music today.

Following their back-to-back presentations, the choir of First Nazarene Church in Portland will present the premier of the new youth musical, "God Is Here — I'm Here — Now We Can Start" by Kaiser and Carmichael.

During the two-day session, about half-dozen concerts will be presented during the program.

Plans for the program were disclosed by Carl Perry, president of the conference and minister of music for

Summer BH Speaker

Dr. Carl E. Bates, immediate past president of the Southern Baptist Convention, will tell "THE BAPTIST HOUR" listeners how to "Make Our Days Count" (instead of counting the days) when he begins a series of summer BAPTIST HOUR sermons for the vacation months of June, July and August.

Dr. Bates, pastor of First Baptist Church in Charlotte, N.C., will be the speaker for 13 weeks beginning the first Sunday in June. He is the summer replacement for Dr. Herschel H. Hobbs, pastor emeritus of First Church, Oklahoma City.



Dr. Bates

First Baptist Church, Knoxville, Tenn. The opening Friday morning session will feature a concert by Ministry '73, the chorale from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, performing the conference's commissioned anthem entitled "He Came, He Comes."

Written by Southern Seminary professor Phillip Landgrave who will conduct the choir in the presentation, the commissioned anthem is part of a cantata Landgrave has written entitled, "The Gospel According to Christmas."

Other concerts slated during the conference will be presented by the youth choir of First Baptist Church, Abilene, Tex.; pianist Max Lyall of Belmont College in Nashville; former Metropolitan Opera Soloist Mary Costa, star of the motion picture "The Great Waltz," and by The Trouveres of California Baptist College, Riverside.

In addition, the conference will sponsor a banquet on Friday evening with entertainment provided by the Spring Street Singers, a youthful musical group organized and directed by Buryl Red of BR Productions in New York City to star in the denomination's new television series, Spring Street USA. Admission to the banquet is by advance ticket (\$5.50 each) which must be purchased by June 1.

All sessions, except the Friday night program, will meet at the Sheraton Motor Inn here, 1000 Multnomah Street. Following the Friday evening banquet at the Sheraton, the conference will move for the night session to First Baptist Church, 909 Southwest Eleventh, Portland.

Monthly Cassette

Program Designed

For Pastors

A monthly cassette subscription program designed for the Baptist pastor was recently announced by Charlie Coffee, president of Innerphase Communications, Inc., of Waco, Texas. Each month's tape will contain biblical studies, homiletical aids, theological material and material in religious education, counseling, and administration.

Each month's tape will be 1½ hours in length and will feature material which can be used in the pastor's study, in the Sunday school class, in Church Training programs and in more specialized areas such as retreats and shut-in ministries.

Said Coffee, who is serving as editor, "We are developing a 'Consulting Editorial Board' of top Baptist educators and pastors who will help direct the overall program. We are happy to say that Dr. Ray Summers, chairman of the Department of Religion at Baylor University, and Dr. Gordon Clinard, Distinguished Professor of Religion at Hardin-Simmons University, have agreed to serve in this capacity."

Accompanying each month's tape will be printed aid entitled "Focus on Resource." The first tape will be available in May. For more information write to "Focus on Ministry" P.O. Box 7085, Waco, Texas 76710.

Whatever you dislike in another person be sure to correct in yourself.

Paris Preacher In Leeward Islands Meet

(Continued from page 5)
nights of the series to allow Mrs. Frederick to rest and care for a sick child. There were decisions made in three of the four crusades. But one cannot be too dogmatic in saying "decisions" as the Guadeloupean does not make a public decision easily. It is a matter of personal work and maturation before he is ready to stand before others saying, "I am a believer, I desire baptism and church membership." One feels that many more began their encounter with Jesus during those weeks of revivals.

Missionary Wayne Frederick kept busy hauling chairs and speakers from one meeting place to another, erecting and taking down a big tent for one crusade, and using his station wagon to make several trips before and after each service to get people to and from the meetings. The believers listened eagerly

each night to M. Ventura. When it came time for his departure all asked when he would return. There is no easy answer to that question as Paris is an eight hour flight away. However, the bond of Christian love was well-forged between congregation and evangelist and can survive the distance in Jesus Christ.

Note: Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Frederick were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1969. Wayne formerly served churches in Lee, Pontotoc, Pike, and Jones counties. He is the son of L. W. Frederick, pastor of South Nettleton Church, Nettleton, Ms. They anticipate furlough June 1, 1974.



Pictured left to right: Mrs. Faye Sanders, Mrs. Nellie Hurdle, Mrs. Arleva Bumpas, Mrs. Nona Teel, Mrs. Pattie Dent — all from Marshall Association. These ladies travelled the greatest distance for the day at Garaywa.



Associational missionaries who attended Officers' Clinic included Rev. James Drane, Choctaw-Zion Associations; Rev. Eugene Roberts, Copiah-Lincoln Associations; Rev. Lester Stone, Mississippi Association; Rev. W. C. Gann, Alcorn-Tishomingo Associations.



Miss Ethel McKeithen, newly elected Baptist Women's director for Mississippi WMU, is pictured with Mrs. John Stiglets, associational Baptist Women's director for Lebanon Association. Mrs. Stiglets is a member of Temple Church, Hattiesburg, where Miss McKeithen formerly was educational director.



Attending from Meridian were, left to right, Mrs. James McCary, secretary for Lauderdale Association; Miss Ruby Cox, Baptist Women's Director; Mrs. Frank Watts, WMU director; and Mrs. Bob Simmons, District III director.

Women Travel From All Sections Of State To Officers' Clinic At Garaywa

If distance travelled to attend a meeting is indication of dedication—then Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union surely has the most dedicated women anywhere!

Women from all sections of Mississippi, including those from the northernmost area of the state and even one

or two who live in the neighboring state of Tennessee, were present for the annual Associational Officers' Clinic held at Garaywa on Tuesday, May 8. These women who came for training as associational officers in WMU received information on the promotion, planning, and conducting of activities related to each of the age

level organizations promoted by Woman's Missionary Union.

Present for this annual meeting also were associational missionaries who serve in Mississippi. Their work in the associations is vital to the continued growth of missions information and mission action.

Divided conferences for each of the age levels were held during the morning. The afternoon session was devoted to instruction on proper planning for effective associational work as well as to a period of informal sharing in which several women related ideas and activities which had proven espe-

cially effective for them as they have planned meetings, retreats, and projects for their associations. Also emphasized during the afternoon session was GIANT STEP, the two-year enlistment and enlargement campaign sponsored by WMU. Growth in WMU organizations, membership, and mag-

azine subscriptions is being realized throughout the state because of the emphasis being given to GIANT STEP.

A day of learning — a day of fellowship together — this was the combination that made it worthwhile to travel from Moscow, Tennessee, or from Gulfport to attend Officers' Clinic at Garaywa.

Sunday School Lesson: International

Christ Is Our Hope: Present Certainty And Future Glory

By Clifton J. Allen
Acts 1:6-11; 2 Timothy 2:8-13;
1 Peter 1:3-9; 1 John 3:1-3

The truth of this lesson is a fitting climax for the study of "Affirmations of Our Faith."

On the basis of our affirmation of faith in Christ, we are certain about all the basic realities having to do with God and his relation to the world, about man and his spiritual condition, about God's saving work in Christ, about salvation from sin and the life becoming to the children of God, and about the consummation of God's purpose in the return of Christ. We may be tempted to ask impatiently, When and How?

The Lesson Explained
THE ASCENDED LORD
(Acts 1:10-11)

The resurrection of Jesus from the dead was fact. And now, Jesus was "taken up." Two angelic beings in white robes, symbolic of the heavenly realm from which they came, appeared to the disciples to tell them that it was needless to gaze longer into the heavens. Rather they should concentrate on their mission into the world, confident that the Spirit would be

given as Jesus had promised and assured also that "this same Jesus will come again. The ascension of Jesus marked the completion of his earthly mission, the completion of his incarnation and all that it included. He had finished his redemptive work in the earthly setting. It was necessary that his earthly life and mission should conclude with the assumption of his authority and dominion at the right hand of God, and it was needful that his disciples should witness his ascension as the basis for putting their expectation in the coming of his Spirit. His ascension declares that he must reign until all enemies are put under his feet.

THE LIVING HOPE
(1 Pet. 1:3-9)

Praise is ascribed to God, who is identified as the Father of our Lord

Jesus Christ. The two are one in saving grace and saving power. By his great mercy we are born anew into his kingdom. But here the emphasis is on a renewal which means hope in Christ, and this hope is confirmed and made a living reality by the resurrection of Christ from the dead. The content of his hope is assurance of a blessed inheritance, one which is imperishable, undefiled, unfading, and kept in heaven. Our heritage in Christ is the fruition and fulfillment of our salvation. We can be absolutely certain of receiving the heavenly inheritance because we are kept by the power of God through faith, and thus we are ready for the revelation at the end of the age, ready for appearance before the judgment seat of Christ.

We should learn that Christian joy should be independent of human cir-

cumstances. Even though we have to undergo severe trials, we can have joy in the Lord because our hope is fixed on him. We are assured of being preserved through trial by the power of the Lord, not apart from our faith but in relation to our faith; and we can know that our faith should become stronger by virtue of being tested by hardship and trial. Thus we shall bring greater joy to the Lord. We can believe without seeing, and thus experience the reality of his presence and strength, his mercy and love. Faith means salvation all the way to the end, the salvation of our souls in eternity. And while this is the gift of grace, we respond with faith in Christ, continuing commitment to him, and thus we obtain as well as receive the fulness of salvation.

PRESENT CERTAINTY AND FUTURE GLORY (1 John 3:1-3)

Behold, what love! Through God's love, making possible our redemption, we become the children of God by faith in Christ. Though almost unbeliefable that we could be called the children of God, we are the children of God. This is the fact and certainty of Christian experience. However unworthy we may be, we claim our sonship on the basis of the redeeming and forgiving love of God in Christ. The

people of the world do not understand this love or this experience or this relationship. They do not understand God and hence cannot understand his love. And we have certain hope of something better. When Christ returns, we shall be like him, transformed into his very image. This is the ultimate of our salvation — our glorification. If we cherish this hope in our hearts, it will be a purifying influence in our lives to make us more and more like Christ.



Welcome At Linwood

Rev. and Mrs. Curtis Rich were welcomed to the pastorate of Linwood Church, Neshoba County, with a pantry shower April 28. Members of the church brought grocery items and were served refreshments. All were invited to view the parsonage and to visit at any time.

Sunday School Lesson: Life and Work

God Is One: Father, Son And Holy Spirit

Deuteronomy 6:4-9; I John 4:12-15

By Bill Duncan

God is Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Each of these is distinct from the others, and yet there is only one God.

Every Hebrew child was taught to say "Hear O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul and with all thy might." This passage teaches the unity of God as fundamental. In both the Old Testament and the New, God is revealed as one. The ground of the moral law unity is the unity of God. The unity of God is fundamental in the Bible.

There is diversity in God's manifestation of himself. The most popular Hebrew name of God, "Elohim," is plural. In the creation of man, God said "Let us make man in our image." There are references in the New Testament where the diversity is mentioned. I John 5:7 says, "There are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the word (the Son) and the Holy Spirit; and these three are one." Baptism is to be ministered in the name of the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit (Matt. 28:19).

Yet the word "trinity" does not appear in the Bible, although it is in many hymns such as "God is in three Persons, blessed Trinity."

The word trinity comes from two roots, tri meaning three and unit meaning unit or one. The word was originally "tri - unity" meaning that God has revealed himself in three ways — the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit — each a separate face but all three were the same in power,

purpose, character and personality. Therefore, they were the same.

God is one but he expresses himself as does the sun evidence of life movement within the unity of the Godhead. The belief in the personality of the Holy Spirit helps one to believe in the trinitarian life in the Godhead rather than dual file. The unitarian solution of the "tri - unity" is to regard Christ as a man supernaturally endowed. If Christ is just a man, there is no "tri - unity" problem to solve. The Mormons have just accepted the idea that God is three persons or three gods. The Unitarian and the Mormon concept is not Biblical.

No one can fully explain the "trinity." The Father sends the Son, the Son reveals the Father, and the Holy Spirit enables man to apprehend the Father as revealed in the Son. If one is to understand the truth of God as one, he must know the deity of Christ. The recognition of Christ as

divine did not lead to polytheism or to the surrender of the idea of the unity of God but to the recognition of life movement within the unity of the Godhead. The belief in the personality of the Holy Spirit helps one to believe in the trinitarian life in the Godhead rather than dual file. The unitarian solution of the "tri - unity" is to regard Christ as a man supernaturally endowed. If Christ is just a man, there is no "tri - unity" problem to solve. The Mormons have just accepted the idea that God is three persons or three gods. The Unitarian and the Mormon concept is not Biblical.

The work of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is each the work of God. Christ is not a delegate whom God sent, or is the Holy Spirit an external agent sent by the Father, and the Son. The cross of Calvary was the place that God died. The recognition of the fullness of the Spirit of God and control by the Spirit of God depend upon the Lordship of Christ.

The work of each is inclusive of the work of the other. The New Testament conception is not that Father, Son, and Holy Spirit mutually and successively co - operate in carrying out a plan previously agreed upon, but rather that all work in and through each. The work of the Son is the work of the Father. The word of the Spirit is the work of Christ.

Yet there is a distinction of office or function. The Father is the source and origin of all things. The Son is the medium of the outgoing energy and power of God. The Holy Spirit is the action of God completing all things.

Old-Fashioned Singing School To Be Held At MC

The fourth annual Old - Fashioned Singing School is scheduled again at Mississippi College June 14-16.

This event is sponsored jointly by the Church Music Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, D. A. Hall, director, and the Music Department, Mississippi College, Jack Lyall, Dean.

The success of last year's school dictates another one this year. The school will begin on Thursday morning and close at noon on Saturday. More specific information will be announced later. In addition to volunteer song leaders, pianists, and organists with little or no music training, we

are also planning activities for starters of the smaller churches and untrained choir members," states Mr. Hall.

Practical in every way, this school is designed to meet the needs of persons who have had no music training or only limited training.

Included in the three - day school will be class discussions on "How to Read Music," "How to Sing Better," "How to Lead Singing," "How to Play Preludes and Offertories," "How to Accompany Congregational Singing and Special Groups," "How to Plan Worship Services," "How to Have Exciting Congregational Singing," "Simplified Music for Choirs and Instrumentalists," "How to Organize

and Direct a Choir," "How to Begin a Music Program."

The total cost of the school is about \$20.00. This includes food, room in a dormitory, and registration fee. Separate dormitories for men and women. Local motel available for couples.

The Mississippi Church Music Department will assist with travel expenses according to this formula: 4¢ per mile round trip with one person in car; 6¢ per mile round trip with two persons in car; 8¢ per mile round trip with three or more persons in car.

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Just For The Record

427 Present For Six Bus Clinics

The state Sunday School department recently completed six Area Bus Evangelism Outreach Clinics. A total of 427 people were present in these bus clinics. There were 48 churches represented in these bus clinics with an indication that 118 buses are being utilized by these 48 churches and 2,518 people are being brought to these churches on these 118 buses.

Homecoming At Heuck's Retreat

Heuck's Retreat Church in Lincoln County will observe Homecoming, Sunday, May 27.

Dr. Joe Odle, editor of "The Baptist Record," will be guest speaker for the morning worship hour. There will be "dinner on the grounds" with a memorial service and a program of music and singing following the lunch hour.

"Down On The Farm"

On May 11, Adults of Friendship Church, McComb, assembled to enjoy a time of food, and fun. The theme for the banquet was "Down on the Farm." Men cooked and served the meal in honor of the ladies as this was the Friday night before Mother's Day.

A skit, "The Farmer's Daughter," was presented. There were 81 adults in attendance. Rev. Glen Schilling is pastor.

Johnson Creek Homecoming

Johnson Creek (Greene County) announces that Sunday, May 27, will be Homecoming Day.

Worship service will begin at 11 a.m. followed by lunch on the grounds. Special guests, The Mississippians, will sing in the afternoon. As is the custom, Homecoming Day will begin revival, May 27-June 1. Rev. Van Hardin from Leakesville, First will be evangelist with evening services at 7. Rev. James T. Harrison is pastor.

Johnson Creek now has a fellowship hall, all new furniture and drapery, and a baptistry and has enlarged the cemetery and installed new chain link fencing. The church has voted to purchase a house trailer for the use of pastor and his wife.



Dr. and Mrs. L. Gordon Sansing

Sansing Retires,

Moves To Meridian

After completing almost four years as pastor of First Church, Grenada, Dr. Gordon Sansing moved from the pastorate. On May 14 he and Mrs. Sansing moved into their newly constructed home at 137-38th Court, Meridian, 39301.

Following recovery from a mild stroke March 24, Dr. Sansing was advised by his physician to retire from the active ministry. It is expected that after a few weeks he will be able to resume some preaching and speaking engagements.

One of Mississippi's best known and most loved Baptist ministers, Dr. Sansing has performed a wide variety of leadership roles in Baptist life, such as pastor, Board member, director of the state Department of Evangelism for twelve years, and interna-

Davis Day At Macedonia

Macedonia Church near Petal invites friends and former members to Homecoming Day, Sunday, June 3. That day has been designated as the Ralph and Corajoyce Davis Day, in honor of the Davises who have been missionaries in Africa for 22 years, and who felt the call to the mission field while they were juniors at Macedonia Church.

The pastor, Rev. Richard White, will deliver the Homecoming message. At 2 p.m., following dinner on the grounds, the Bibletone Quartet, former pastors and members — and all friends — are invited.

Antioch Homecoming

The activities planned for an annual homecoming day of Antioch Church, Lawrence County, will begin at 9:30 a.m. on May 27. Rev. James Watts, pastor of New Prospect Church, will preach for the 10:30 worship service.

Following dinner on the grounds, an afternoon of gospel singing will feature The Camellia City Quartet. Former pastors and members — and all friends — are invited.

New Hope Homecoming

Homecoming at New Hope Church, Lafayette County will be on Sunday, June 3. Rev. Dewey Metts of Goodman will bring the 11 o'clock message.

Following lunch at 12, singing and fellowship will round out the afternoon. Everyone is invited.

Rev. J. W. Massie of Sardis is pastor.

Houlka Calls Pastor

Rev. Donald Cotten has assumed duties as pastor of First Church, Houlka.

Native of Scottsboro, Ala., he received his A.B. from Samford University and Master of Divinity degree from New Orleans Seminary. Former pastorates include First, Stevenson, Ala., and Stringer, Mississippi.

He is married to the former Alra Dale Johnson of Scottsboro, they are parents of Melanie, 3.

The church honored their new pastor on April 8, with a basket dinner at Fellowship Hall.

Linwood Homecoming

The annual homecoming at Linwood Church, Neshoba County, will be May 27. Pastor Curtis Rich and the congregation extend a welcome to former pastors and members, and to friends, to come for fellowship, worship, and dinner-on-the-grounds. Rev. Jerry Hardin will be guest speaker at 11 a.m. The afternoon service will include business transactions and singing.

Friendship Homecoming

Friendship Church, Lincoln County, will have homecoming May 27. Rev. John I. Hill, former pastor, will be guest speaker.

There will be a morning and afternoon service. Lunch will be served.

The pastor, Rev. Wiley Reid invites friends and former members.

Graham Sees No Nixon Involvement In 'Watergate'

NEW YORK (EP) — Evangelist Billy Graham said here that in his view President Nixon's moral and ethical principles would not have permitted him to become involved in the Watergate affair.

In an interview with Barbara Walters on the NBC-TV Today show, Mr. Graham commented, "I personally do not think he (the President) knew about it. I think it was a stupid blunder to begin with and he's too smart for that."

The evangelist, a longtime friend of Mr. Nixon's, said that "his moral and ethical principles wouldn't allow him to do anything like that." He added, "I've known him a long time and he has a very strong sense of integrity."

When wealth is lost, nothing is lost; when health is lost, something is lost; when character is lost, all is lost.

— *Courtesy of the Associated Press*

Possessions can become idols.

national traveler and speaker in religious and civic work.

Pastorates in the state include Pelahatchie, Booneville, Brandon, Jackson, Crestwood, Jackson Broadmoor, and Grenada.

A graduate of Mississippi College and New Orleans Seminary, he is listed in Who's Who in the South and Southwest, and was awarded the American Honorary Citation for outstanding contributions to the American community in 1966.

Dr. and Mrs. Sansing were honored by First Church, Grenada, with a reception in Fellowship Hall Sunday afternoon, May 6.

Devotional

Transformed

By Gordon H. Sansing, Pastor, First Church, Marks



Reality Singers To Be Heard At Rally

On May 25 at 7 p.m., on the baseball field at Richland Junior High School in Plain, "Jesus is Evangelism" will sponsor a Rally for Jesus. The rally will present such program personalities as Rob Smith, former Jacksonian, now a West Point businessman, and the Reality Singers, pictured, of Richland Church, Plain. Mr. and Mrs. David A. Miller, youth and music director for the church, are directors of the group of fourteen young singers. "Jesus is Evangelism" was formed four months ago; its staff includes Don Blackwell, crusade coordinator; David A. Miller, music director; and Buster Wilson, evangelist.

Baptist Seminary

Commencement

To Be Held June 1

John Westbrook, consultant, Inter-racial Ministries, National Student Ministries of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn., will deliver the address at the 30th annual Commencement Exercises of the Mississippi Baptist Seminary June 1 at 11 a.m.

Dr. T. B. Brown, seminary president, said that approximately 145 candidates from 18 Center areas over the state, will receive certificates, diplomas, and degrees.

A native of Texas, Mr. Westbrook holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Baylor University, Waco, Texas, and attended Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Missouri. He served two years as director Escalator Program, Southwest Missouri State College.

He has given his Christian testimony via television at one of the Billy Graham Crusade services.

The public is cordially invited to attend the exercises to be held in the auditorium of the Central Center of the Seminary, located corner of Delta Dr. and Ridgeway St. in Jackson.

Radio-TV To Award Scholarships

College students planning careers in radio, television or films are eligible for one of four scholarships, each carrying a \$500 cash value, to be awarded by the Radio and Television Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Dr. Paul M. Stevens, president of the Commission, described the scholarships.

"We give them in honor of recipients of the Distinguished Communications Medal (DCM), which is awarded by the Radio and Television Commission to individuals who have distinguished themselves in some facet of communication," he said. "The scholarship is an integral feature of each award."

The first scholarship bears the name of Robert W. Sarnoff, chairman of the board of Radio Corporation of America, who received the DCM in 1964, while president of the National Broadcasting Company.

Bill D. Moyers, for whom the second scholarship is named, received the DCM in 1968 while serving as press secretary for the late President Lyndon B. Johnson. The other scholarships honor Elmer W. Lower, president of American Broadcasting Company News, who received the DCM in February, 1972, and Julian Goodman, president of the National Broadcasting Company, who was awarded the medal at the recent fourth national Abe Lincoln Awards ceremony in Fort Worth.

Dr. Stevens said applicants must rank scholastically between juniors and graduate students, be preparing for a career in radio, television or films, be a Baptist, have a "B" average and supply references.

Winners will be given summer employment at the Radio-TV Commission in Fort Worth if such employment is desired.

Scholarship applications may be obtained by writing the Radio and Television Commission, 6350 West Freeway, Fort Worth, Texas, 76116. They must be completed and returned on or before June 15.

A special committee from the staff of the Radio and Television Commission and members of the Commission's board of trustees, will make the final decision.

God is for us — that is good; God is with us — that is better; God is in us — that is best.

If a thing will go without saying, let it go.

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Off The Record

Understated

Doctor: "How do you feel — sort of listless?"

Patient: "Listless? If I felt that good, I wouldn't even be here."

Short Stop

I met a friend while walking to the beach. She said, "Hello, Mary, how are you?"

I said, "Fine, never felt better."

"You look wonderful. By the way, do you remember Dorothy? She smoked so much for 20 years — and now she stopped."

I said, "You mean she stopped smoking just like that?"

"No," my friend replied, "she stopped breathing."

Good Question

Daddy was tired of being questioned by his four-year-old. "Daddy...?" "Yes?" "What do you do at the office?"

Daddy screamed, "Nothing."

The little one thought a minute and then said "But Daddy, how do you know when you're through?"

Emergency?

An angry boss accosted his stenographer, "You should have been here at eight o'clock!"

"Why? What happened?" she said.

"My advice," said the mechanic, "is that you keep the oil and change the car."

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United One's To Sing "It's Getting Late"

On June 4, at the Christian Center, Millsaps College, the "United One's" from Ridgeland Church, will present a repeat performance of Cam Floria's folk-rock musical, "It's Getting Late," at 7:30 p.m. under the direction of Lynn Madden, minister of music.

This musical warns each individual about the signs foretold by the prophets many years ago in relation to the Second Coming of Jesus Christ. It is based on Hal Lindsey's bestseller, "The Late Great Planet Earth."

The "United One's" consist of 52 singers and 11 instrumentalists. The performance is highlighted by various prophets, angels, soloists, and various selected pictures which all tell the story.

Realizing the large crowd that is expected to attend the musical, Mr. Madden says, "We will be happy to reserve your group a designated section in the auditorium along with your tickets, if you will just give us a call at our church office (856-6139) on or before June 1st. Tickets will sell for \$1.00 for students and \$2.00 for adults."

Rev. Jerry D. Odom is pastor of the Ridgeland Church.

Southwestern Seminary Graduates



Bain, Brady, Chance, Comans, Geiger, McHan.

FORT WORTH, Tex. — Eight students from Mississippi received degrees during spring commencement exercises at Southwestern Seminary on May 11.

Owen Cooper, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, was a commencement speaker. Mississippi graduates were: Douglas C. Bain, Doctor of Theology, Starkville; Eddie M. Brady, Master of Divinity, Bay Springs; Mrs. J. A. Chance, Master of Religious Ed.; Luceydale; Author R. Comans, Master of Divinity, Jackson; Charlotte A. Geiger, Master of Religious Ed., Jackson; Randy McHan, Master of Divinity, Vicksburg; T. James Riddell, Master of Divinity, Laurel; Mrs. Randy M. Wood, Master of Religious Ed., Ripley.

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